THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. The Department has not received any anthrax laced mail.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The postal staff handling foreign mail at foreign post offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai have been provided with hand gloves and face masks. Guidelines have been issued to all the concerned staff regarding the handling of suspicious mail.

Telephone Connections

478. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of cellular telephone subscribers provided during the last three years; and

(c) what was the target for telephone connections for the year 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The required information for the last three year is as given below:—

Year	Number of telephone connections provided (fixed telephones)	Number of cellular subscribers provided
1998-1999	3.81 million	0.32 million
1999-2000	5.04 million	0.68 million
2000-2001	6.06 million	1.7 million

(c) The target for telephone connections for the year 2000-2001 was 5.790 million lines for public sector units of the department.

Production and import of oilseeds

479. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production and import figures of oilseeds during the last three financial years, year-wise;